

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
Fines Arts Faculty Council
December 6, 1986

PRESENT; R.J. Parker, Chair; P. Kenniff; K. Adams; I. Sendek; C. MacKenzie; M. Falsetto; E.J. Sacca; L. Lacroix; K. Tweedie; G. Gross; F. Mulvey; B. Wainwright; R. Gomez; S. Friedland; E. Mongerson; K. Raudsepp; J. Huh; S. Bryan; N. Des Ormeaux

Absent with Apologies; S. Panet-Raymond; S. Paikowsky; I. Whittome

Guests: A. Homzy; A. Adams; K. Penny; L. Ferland; L. Beauchemin

1. Remarks: Rector Patrick Kenniff

The following topics were addressed by Rector Kenniff in his remarks to Faculty Council. The present financial situation of the University and his Brief presented to the National Assembly in September. The University Councils' request from the government for an overall adjustment to level of funding to bring level up to that of Ontario; an adjustment to the funding formula; and a reasonable plan to amortize accumulated deficit which would allow the University to repay principle sum over a period of fifteen years.

The 1987-88 budget report to the Board of Governors includes these recommendations.

Government negotiations continue with respect to the downtown Library building and the extension to the Vanier.

2. Order of the Day

The order of the day was agreed upon.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 1986

MOTION; (Gross, Mongerson) "moved the approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 1987"

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Regarding the issue of the merit exercise discussed during the October meeting of Council Dean Parker noted that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to look into the present relationship of the Departmental Personnel Advisory Committee to the Dean's Advisory Committee as outlined by the Collective

Agreement. Committee members include Professors Jackson, Landsley and Sacca.

There will be a report forthcoming shortly as a result of the recent meeting of Vice-rectors and Deans on planning for the University. With the formation of the University Academic Priorities Committee whose function will be to co-ordinate University academic planning, study proposals, and prepare a time

frame for the discussion of planning, Faculties will bring their ideas to this committee. The Faculty can no longer proceed on an ad hoc basis and will need a strategy to deal with both long term and short term planning. University documents now exist for the implementation of a planning process and each Departmental Chair will be asked for their input as part of this process.

5. Question Period

Friedland asked whether part-time faculty members will receive a salary increase since full-time faculty have now received 3% for 1986. Has any provision been made to treat part-time faculty on an equal basis.

Parker replied that no information has yet been received to increase the part-time salary scales.

6. Addendum to Report #5 - Graduate Curriculum

*Motion: (MacKenzie, Friedland) "moved the acceptance of Addendum to Report #5 - Minor Modification: Master of Arts in Art History"

a. New Course

Art History 647: Independent Studies in Canadian Art History (3 credits)

Rationale: The course is proposed in order to serve students who wish to pursue research in areas unrelated to either the thesis topic or the seminar offerings. To qualify for the courses, a student must have completed 24 credits of the M.A. programme, and must have received approval of the independent study proposal from an instructor and the graduate programme director.

7. Ad Hoc Committee on Awards

The Discussion Paper was tabled by Asst. Dean Falsetto on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Awards. A criteria and outline of a selection process for the awarding of the Alfred Pinsky Medal was proposed for discussion by members of Council. As a result the following motion was passed;

MOTION (Adams, Gross) "move the acceptance of the document with the exception of Proposal B"

CARRIED

One Abstention

8. Nomination of Student Representative: F.A. Curriculum Committee

Ms Maryse Pothier was nominated and approved to sit as student representative on the Fine Arts Faculty Curriculum Committee for 1986-87.

9. Revisions to Composition of Fine Arts Faculty Council

As background information Dean Parker explained that in September, 1985 Council approved extensive revisions to the composition of Faculty Council. During discussion at Senate on the approval of these revisions student representatives requested an increase to the number of undergraduate student representation.

Presently there are six student members, two graduate and four undergraduate and these are divided between visual arts and performing arts. The revision to the composition has been brought back to Council for further discussion.

Student representative addressed Council at length explaining the difficulties under the present system which divided the student body under the headings of visual and performing arts only. CUSA has recommended that the four undergraduate students be replaced by six undergraduate students nominated by CUSA with no more than one from any one individual department.

As a result of further debate the following motion was tabled;

MOTION (Gross, Sacca) "move that Council approve the increase in student population to six undergraduate students to be selected by CUSA from the various constituencies within Fine Arts"

CARRIED

10. Computer Resources Committee

This agenda item was moved for discussion to the meeting of Council in March.

11. Library Loans Policy

Asst. Dean MacKenzie requested that Council consider the request made by the Faculty of Arts & Science to limit the number of books borrowed from the Library to fifteen.

MOTION (MacKenzie, Sacca) "moved that the present Library Loans Policy be retained."

CARRIED
Unanimously

12. Merit Exercise

Several Departmental Chairs reported to Council on discussions that had taken place at the departmental level regarding the present system of merit distribution. A summary of comments include recommendations to divide merit equally among the faculty members, that the present practice was divisive and detrimental to Departments as a whole.

13. Other Business

There was no further business.

Adjournment
M. Duval, January, 1987